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Academic Positions Associate Professor, Fall 2017–Present
Department of Political Science, Boise State University
Assistant Professor, 2012–2017
Department of Political Science, Boise State University
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2011–2012
Department of Political Science, University of Missouri

Education Ph.D., Political Science, 2011
[Binghamton University \(SUNY\)](#)
M.A., Political Science, 2008
[Binghamton University \(SUNY\)](#)
B.A., Politics and Government, 2005
[University of Puget Sound](#)

Research Interests Asymmetric Relationships in World Politics, War, US Foreign Policy Overseas Military Base Deployment, Positive and Negative Externalities of Troop Deployments, Global and Regional Power Concentrations, Trade, Economics of War-making, Bargaining Models of Conflict, Rebel Opposition Strategies, Repression and Dissent, Civil Conflict and Terrorism

- Peer Reviewed Publications**
1. [“The Influence of Regional Power Distribution on Interdependence.”](#) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Forthcoming. Podcast on the paper.
 2. [“Regions of Hierarchy and Security: US Troop Deployments, Spatial Relations, and Defense Burdens.”](#) with Michael E. Flynn and Julie VanDusky-Allen. *International Interactions*. Forthcoming.
 3. [“Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Demands in Asymmetric Dyads.”](#) With Sam Bell and K. Chad Clay. *Foreign Policy Analysis*. Forthcoming.
 4. [“Blog Consumption and International Relations.”](#) 2016. *Journal of Political Science Education*. 12(2):169–185
 5. [“The Localized and Spatial Effects of US Troop Deployments on Host-State Defense Spending.”](#) With Michael Flynn and Julie VanDusky-Allen. *Foreign Policy Analysis*. 12(4): 674-694.
 6. [“Tightening the Belt: Austerity and Alliance Formation.”](#) With Matthew DiGiuseppe. *International Studies Quarterly*. 2013. 57(4): 647–659.
 7. [“Putting our Best Boots Forward: US Military Deployments and their Effect on Host-Country Crime.”](#) With Michael E. Flynn. 2013. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 30(3): 263–285.
 8. [“From Melos to Baghdad: Explaining Resistance to Militarized Challenges from More Powerful States.”](#) With Benjamin O. Fordham. 2011. *International Studies Quarterly*. 55(4): 1025–1045.

9. "The Partisan Fallout from Arizona's Immigration Battle: Lessons from California." With Jonathan Krasno, Gregory Robinson, and Josh Zingher. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 4(4):579-597.

Books

Poli Sci Fi. 2016. Edited with Justin Vaughn. New York City, NY:Routledge.

Book Chapters

"Understanding Civil War through Star Wars" in *Poli Sci Fi*. Eds. Michael Allen and Justin Vaughn. 2016.

Book Reviews

"Asymmetric Research in Asymmetric Relations." Review of *Great Powers, Small wars: Asymmetric Conflict Since 1945* by Larisa Deriglazova (2014) in *International Studies Review* Forthcoming

Other

Test Bank for World Politics. 2012. New York City: W. W. Norton

Works in Progress

"Overseas Troop Deployments, Extended Deterrence, and Asymmetric Conflict."
"Hegemonic Leadership, Security Commitments, and Integration in the Liberal International Order." With Colin M. Barry and Michael E. Flynn.
"Determinants of US Troop Deployment" with Michael Flynn and Carla Machain
"Military Action as A Natural Experiment on the Natural Environment" with Benjamin Farrer and Michael Flynn.
"The Outcome of Asymmetric War" with Patrick M. Regan.
"State Opposition: Separation, Simultaneity, and Sequential Causation in Terrorism and Civil Conflict." With Matt DiGiuseppe and Richard W. Frank.
"Playing Politics with War: Election Timing and Opposition Party Position Taking on the Use of Force." With Sam Bell.
"Legally Mandated Inconvenience: Do Driver's License Suspensions Reduce Voter Turnout?" With John E. McNulty and Tansy Woan.

Conferences

"Determinants of US Troop Deployment" with Michael Flynn and Carla Machain. To be presented at the Western Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Vancouver, B.C., April 13th-17th, 2017.
"Missed Opportunities in Kiev." Presented at the International Studies Association Conference in Baltimore, MD, February 22nd-25th, 2017.
"Determinants of US Troop Deployment" with Michael Flynn and Carla Machain. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, September 1st-4th, 2016.
"Military Action as A Natural Experiment on the Natural Environment" with Benjamin Farrer and Michael Flynn. Presented at the International Studies Association Conference in Atlanta, GA, March 15th-20th, 2016.
"Military Action as A Natural Experiment on the Natural Environment" with Benjamin Farrer and Michael Flynn. Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 16th-19th, 2015.
"US Military Deployments and Defense Spending by US Allies." With Michael E. Flynn and Julie VanDusky-Allen. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference in Las Vegas, NV, April 2nd-5th, 2015.

"The Influence of Regional Power Distribution on Interdependence." Presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference in Las Vegas, NV, April 2nd–5th, 2015.

"Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Demands Between Asymmetric States." With Sam Bell and Chad Clay. Presented at the annual International Studies Association Midwest Conference in St. Louis, MO November 7th–9th, 2014.

"The Influence of Regional Power Distribution on Interdependence." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 3rd–6th, 2014.

"US Military Deployments and Defense Spending by US Allies." With Michael E. Flynn and Julie VanDusky-Allen. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 3rd–6th, 2014.

"State Opposition: Separation, Simultaneity, and Sequential Causation in Terrorism and Civil Conflict." With Matt DiGiuseppe and Richard W. Frank. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 11–14th, 2013.

"Legally Mandated Inconvenience: Do Driver's License Suspensions Reduce Voter Turnout." With John E. McNulty, Laura M. Martin, and Tansy Woan. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 11–14th, 2013.

"Hegemonic Leadership, Security Commitments, and Integration in the Liberal International Order." With Colin M. Barry and Michael E. Flynn. Paper prepared for the Annual International Studies Association Conference in San Francisco, April 3rd–6th, 2013.

"State Opposition: Separation, Simultaneity, and Sequential Causation in Terrorism and Civil Conflict." With Matt DiGiuseppe and Richard W. Frank. Slated to be presented at the Annual Political Science Association meeting in New Orleans, LA, August 29th–September 2nd, 2012. *Conference canceled due to hurricane.*

"Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Demands Between Asymmetric States." With Sam Bell and Chad Clay. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 12–April 15th, 2012.

"Austere Alliance: Credit Access and Asymmetric Alliance Formation." With Matthew DiGiuseppe. Presented at the Annual International Studies Association Conference in San Diego, CA, April 3–7, 2012.

"US Military Deployments and Defense Spending by US Allies." With Michael Flynn and Julie VanDusky-Allen. Presented at the Annual International Studies Association Conference in San Diego, CA, April 3–7, 2012.

"Legally Mandated Inconvenience: Do Driver's License Suspensions Reduce Voter Turnout." With John E. McNulty. Presented at the 2012 State Politics and Policy Conference in Houston, TX, February 16–18.

"Base Bargaining and Deployment Overseas—The United States in the 20th Century as a Case." Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 31–April 3, 2011.

"Putting Our Best Boots Forward: US Military Deployments and their Effect on Host-Country Crime." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. March 16–19, 2011. With Michael Flynn.

“Base and Empire—the Case of America in the 20th Century.” Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting in Washington, DC., September 2010.

“Employing Force: The Decision to Use Private Actors in Inter-state Wars.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois. April 2–5, 2009. With Julie VanDusky–Allen.

“Deploying Bases Abroad: An Empirical Assessment.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, New York. February 15–17th 2009.

“The Outcome of Asymmetric War.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society in Claremont, California. October 24–26, 2008. With Patrick M. Regan.

“From Melos to Baghdad: Explaining Resistance to Militarized Challenges from More Powerful states.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts. August 28–31, 2008. With Benjamin O. Fordham.

“Stationing Forces in an Alliance: Overcoming the security dilemma in the context of global grand strategy.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois. April 3–6, 2008.

“A Formal Model and Empirical Testing of the Relationship Between Terrorism and Repression.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California. March 26th to March 29th, 2008. With Cynthia Van Maanen.

“Playing Politics with War: Election Timing and Opposition Party Position Taking on the Use of Force.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society in Columbia, South Carolina. November 2–4th, 2008. With Sam Bell.

“On Political Violence: Motivations and Tactics of Opposing the State.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada. March 8–10, 2007. With Richard W. Frank.

“When More than One Bully Wants Your Lunch Money: Examining Regional Power’s Influence on Trade and State Preferences.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois. February 28th to March 3rd, 2007.

Dissertation

Title: “Military Basing Abroad: Bargaining, Expectations, and Deployment”

Chair: Benjamin O. Fordham

Committee: David Clark, Patrick M. Regan, and Olga Shvetsova

Abstract: The prospects of and decision for base deployment by a major power into another state’s sovereign territory involves a complex set of motives, incentives, and bargains between a basing state and a potential host state. The basing state typically seeks to maximize its global and regional position abroad by selecting ideal locations within the context of regional threats while the potential host state plays a balancing act between domestic actors who may be hostile to such deployments, regional threat entanglement, as well as any additional benefits the hosting state can derive from the basing state as side payment for hosting a base. Thus, while the existing literature ascribes both benign and malign motives to states that base aggressively abroad, most descriptions leave out the negotiations between the two state actors and how that conditions deployment. This project models the interaction formally as an Osborne and Rubinstein bargaining

model (1990) and creates a choice framework for a major power in selecting possible territories to deploy a military base in. These propositions, including target attractiveness, regime type, existing alliances, ongoing conflicts, and location all condition the likely deployment sites for a basing state. The formally derived and generalized hypotheses, as well as relevant variables derived from the existing literature, are then tested using an original data set for US base deployments abroad from the 1898 until 2004. I find that autocratic states, distant states, allies of the United States, powerful states, and countries at war are more likely to host a base than their counterparts.

Methods Training

Research Methods and Statistics (I)
 Research Methods and Statistics (II)
 Maximum Likelihood Estimation
 Extensions of the Linear Model
 Simultaneous Equations Modeling (ICPSR)
 Formal Theory (Introductory)
 Advanced Game Theory
 EITM (Game Theory, Bayesian Statistics, Spatial Models, Experimental Methods, and Simultaneous Modeling)

Teaching Experience

POLS 231: International Relations, Fall 2012, Spring 2013
 POLS 306: Intro to International Relations, Fall 2013–Spring 2016, Spring 2017
 POLS 398: Advanced Political Science Methods, Spring 2013, Summer 2015
 POLS 420: Comparative Foreign Policy, Fall 2013, 2014, & 2015
 POLS 430: United States Foreign Policy, Fall 2012
 POLS 431: Civil War and Terrorism, Summer 2014, Spring 2015
 POLS 506: World Politics, Spring 2016, Fall 2017 & 2018
 POLS 525: Civil War and Terrorism, Summer 2016-2017
 POLS 531: Limited Dependent Variables, Spring 2017
 PS 4440: Asymmetric Conflict, Spring 2012
 PS 1400: International Relations, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
 PS 4420: Politics of International Economic Relations, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
 PS 4440: International Organization, Fall 2011
 PLSC 380H: Power: Strength and Weakness in International Relations, Winter 2011.
 PLSC 380I: Game Theory and International Relations, Fall 2009.
 PLSC 486U: Power and Governance in International Relations, Spring 2008.
 PLSC 380L: Hegemony or Survival, Summer 2007. Distance Learning.

Teaching Assistant

PLSC 111: American Politics, Fall 2005, Fall 2006
 PLSC 117: World Politics, Spring 2006.
 PLSC 118: Political Sociology, Spring 2007.
 PLSC 500: Introduction to Research Methods (Graduate), Fall 2007, Fall 2008.

Service

Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Fall 2016
Deputy Editor, *The Social Science Journal*, August 2015–Present
School of Public Service Funded Research Working Group, Spring 2016–Present
School of Public Service New Academic Programs Working Group, Spring 2016–Present
Accelerated Masters Student advisor, 2015–Present
SSPA/SPS Curriculum Committee, August 2013–Present, Chair August 2015–Present
Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee August 2014–Present
Undergraduate Political Science Advisor, August 2013–Present
Faculty Advisor, Humans versus Zombies Club Boise State University, 2015–Present
Departmental Representative to the University Curriculum Committee, Fall 2013–Present.
SPS Advisor Search Committee Member, Spring 2015.
Masters Committee Member History (David Mock), Spring 2014–Spring 2015
Program Prioritization Departmental Writer, Spring 2014
Pi Sigma Alpha, Faculty Advisor, Fall 2013.
Undergraduate Advisor, Fall 2013–
Founder and Author at the Quantitative Peace, www.quantitativepeace.com, April 28th, 2008–

Professional Activities

2012–2013—Early Career Boise State Teaching Scholars (BSTS): Year long program focused on teaching improvement. The BSTS is an exclusive, funded program that offers a course buy out for each participant.
2008—Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models participant at Washington University in St. Louis. Summer.
2007—Inter–University Consortium for Political and Social Research Institute Participant. Clogg Scholarship Recipient.
2006–2007—President of the Binghamton University Political Science Graduate Student Organization
2005—Present Member of International Relations Workshop at Binghamton University.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, 2010—
American Political Science Review, 2015—
Conflict Management and Peace Science, 2014—
Foreign Policy Analysis, 2015—
International Interactions, 2014—
International Studies Quarterly, 2009—
International Studies Review, 2014—
Journal of Conflict Research, 2015—
Journal of Peace Research, 2011—
Journal of Political Science Education, 2015—
Journal of Politics, 2013—

Community Engagement, Articles, and Invited Talks

Essay: "NATO, Allies, and Military Defense", November 28th, 2016.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State, Short Course (3 Sessions), September 12th-26, 2016.

"Mobilization, Insurgency, and Conflict Cessation: Understanding the Islamic State and the World's Response to it," College of Western Idaho, April 5th, 2016.

"The Middle East in Turmoil." Moderator at the 32nd annual Frank Church Conference. January 15th, 2016.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State, Short Course (3 Sessions), January 7th-21st, 2016.

"Missed Opportunities in Kiev: US Troop Deployments, Extended Deterrence, and Asymmetric Conflict." Boise State Politics & Policy Brownbag Series, November 13th, 2015.

Public Lecture on Modern Insurgency and the Islamic State, College of Western Idaho, October 12th, 2015

Public Lecture on Modern Insurgency and the Islamic State, Hillcrest Library, April 25th, 2015.

[Boise Weekly Interview April 22nd, 2015 \(link\).](#)

["Boise State professor uses tension in Ukraine as teaching tool," March 3rd, 2014. \(link\)](#)

Grants and Academic Honors

Graduate Student Recruitment Grant, Fall 2016, \$500

Engaging Pedagogies for Student Success, 2016, with Lori Hausegger, Brian Wampler, Stephen Utych, and Jeffrey Lyons; \$11,000

Boise State Teaching Scholars, 2012-2013, Course Buyout, \$3,200

Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2010

Nominated for Graduate School Award in Research Excellence, 2010

EITM at Washington University in St. Louis, 2008

Binghamton University Scholar Grant, 2007

Clogg Scholarship Award for ICPSR, Summer 2007

GSEU Professional Development Award, Summer 2007

Graduate Research Experience

Research Assistant for John McNulty, Spring 2011.

Research Assistant for Greg Robinson, Spring 2010. Data analysis and prediction using voter data in California and Arizona.

Research Assistant for Pat Regan, Spring–Summer 2009. Researching and coding interventions by state and non–state actors into countries at risk for civil war.

Research Assistant for Pat Regan, Summer 2006; Continued work Fall 2007–Spring 2008. Researching and coding negotiations and outcomes between enduring rivals outside of Militarized Interstate Disputes (MIDs).

Research Assistant for Ben Fordham, Summer 2008. Focus on Asymmetrical conflict negotiations and bargaining.

References

Available by request.

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